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TAGS: BEXP, JA, US

SUBJECT: TRADE FACILITATION COMMITTEE: CASE NO. 6

. (GENERAL DATACOMM INDUSTRIES INC.) AND

. FUTURE DIRECTION OF TFC

REF: STATE 91792

1. SUMMARY: IN LIGHT OF RECENT UNFAVORABLE TREND OF GOJ RESPONSES TO TFC CASES, REFLECTING DIFFICULT AREAS OUTSIDE OF MITI JURISDICTION, EMBASSY INTENDS TO ALTER PROCEDURE BY APPROACHING THE RESPONSIBLE MINISTRY EITHER DIRECTLY OR THROUGH FOREIGN MINISTRY WHEN IT APPEARS THAT MITI-TFC CHANNEL NOT PRODUCTIVE. WE WILL INITIALLY EMPLOY THIS APPROACH WITH RESPECT TO GENERAL DATACOMM CASE. END SUMMARY.

2. APPRECIATE THOUGHTFUL MESSAGE (REFTEL) WHICH ARRIVED JUST AS E/CMIN WAS PROCEEDING TO MEETING WITH HANAOKA (MITI) TO DISCUSS FUTURE OF TRADE FACILITATION COMMITTEE AND TRADE STUDY GROUP. WE WERE ABLE TO DRAW ON CABLE USEFULLY TO DRIVE HOME POINT THAT NEGATIVE RESPONSES LIKE THAT IN UNCLASSIFIED

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GENERAL DATACOMM-NTT CASE DID NOT SERVE GOJ INTEREST.

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